# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

# **FISCAL NOTE**



HB 593 - SB 900

February 3, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires all written and oral examinations administered by the Department of Safety (DOS) for issuance of driver licenses, intermediate driver licenses, temporary driver licenses, and temporary intermediate driver licenses be in English only.

# **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

# Assumptions:

- DOS has the authority to determine which languages the written test should be administered.
- According to the DOS, automated written tests are offered in English, Spanish, Japanese, and Korean; the paper format is offered in Spanish and English.
- Those applicants currently taking a test in Japanese, Korean, or Spanish will be required to take the test in English and use a translation dictionary. This could result in longer wait times at testing stations. Any increase in state expenditures associated with longer wait times will be not significant.

# **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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